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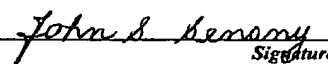
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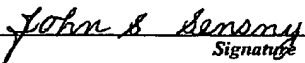
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Sir:

In an Office Action dated July 3, 2006, the Examiner indicated that this application includes claims directed to two separate and distinct inventions as follows:

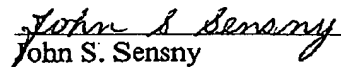
Group I – Claims 1, 3-8, 10-16 and 22-25, which are drawn to a system, method and apparatus for charging for the use of object data; and

Group II – Claims 2, which is drawn to a content generator on a server for embedding watermarks.

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The Examiner indicated that these groups of claims are distinct because the Group II claim is a subcombination of the Group I claims and has separate utility such as embedding watermarks, which may be exercised independently of the invention of the Group I claims, and because the invention of the Group I claims is useable without watermarks.


The Examiner required that the application be restricted to claims directed to one of these inventions.

In response, Applicants elect Group I Claims 1, 3-8, 10-16 and 22-25 for prosecution in this application.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application for any claims cancelled from this application in response to the Restriction Requirement.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this application, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

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